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### HOME DEPARTMENT

#### Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules

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ஆடி 10, சுபகிருது, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2053.]

No. SRO A-15/2022.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 28 and 38 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the draft of the same having been previously published, as required under sub-section (1) of Section 212 of the said Act.

#### AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

(1) in rule 38, for the marginal heading "Responsibility of driver of Stage Carriage on which there is no conductor", the marginal heading "Responsibility of driver when there is no conductor" shall be substituted;

(2) in rule 79,-

(i) in clause (iv), the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that if any male passenger travelling in the vehicle attempts or makes any obscene act, like, staring, leering, whistling, winking or sexually offensive gestures or singing songs, utter words, take any photos or videos or any other form of electronic communication causing annoyance or harassment of a women passenger or girl indulging in any other form of misbehavior with intent to outrage the modesty of the women passengers travelling in the vehicle, the conductor may after the reasonable caution, either, alight the passenger or hand over him to any police station enroute";

(ii) after clause (xi), the following clauses shall be added, namely:-

(xii) shall not, save for good and sufficient reasons touch any women passenger or girl on the false pretext that he is assisting her to get into or getting down the vehicle.

(xiii) shall not ask any inappropriate questions about the intention of travel of a woman passenger or a girl travelling in the vehicle.

(xiv) shall not make any physical contact or any sexually coloured remarks or comments or jokes advancing towards woman passengers or girls involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures, such as touching or pinching to indicate indirectly his sexually suggestive innuendos, commonly understood as flirting.

(xv) shall not behave in a way causing annoyance to any passenger, women passenger or girl in specific.

(xvi) may remove any male passenger from the seat he occupies, and ask him to alight the vehicle enroute, if he comes to know on a proper enquiry with other co-passengers that the passenger was involved with unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures as defined under the term "sexual harassment" in clause (n) of Section 2 of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (Central Act 14 of 2013).

(xvii) shall maintain a Complaint Book with serially numbered pages to be provided to any passenger for recording his views on the complaints about the shortage of the duties performed by the conductor and shall produce the so maintained books on demand by the Police Officials or the Officials of the Transport Department for review.

(xviii) shall take the vehicle to a police station which is nearest to the place of incidence and lodge a complaint against the passenger in case of an incident of indecent behaviour, molestation or eve-teasing, etc., against a woman passenger or a girl travelling in the vehicle by any co-passenger which is tantamount to outraging her modesty".

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